VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Village Council Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan as of and for the year ended February 29, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan as of February 29, 2004, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis only and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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July 13, 2004

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS February 29, 2004

	Governmental Funds				Proprietary Fund		
			Special Revenue		Enterprise		
ASSETS		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		enter prise	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	204,563	\$	9,020	\$	325,012	
Accounts receivable		15,957	•	6,248	*	6,575	
Due from other funds				9,318		17,423	
Property and equipment, net, where applicable, of	•					·	
accumulated depreciation						387,476	
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-							
term debt						***	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	220,520	\$	24,586	\$	736,486	
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS							
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$	2,045	\$	1,033	\$		
Other current liabilities	Ψ	6,787	Ψ	2,029	Ф		
Due to other funds		26,741		2,027			
Customer deposits						1,455	
Long-term debt							
TOTAL LIABILITIES		35,573		3,062		1,455	
EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS							
Investment in fixed assets							
Contributed capital						622,894	
Retained earnings						112,137	
Fund balances						112,137	
Unreserved							
Designated for subsequent years'							
expenditures							
Undesignated		184,947		21,524	_		
TOTAL EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS		184,947		21,524		735,031	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER							
CREDITS	\$	220,520	\$	24,586	\$	736,486	

Accou				
General General				Total
Fixed	L	ong-Term	(M	lemorandum
Assets		Debt	`	Only)
	-			
	\$		\$	538,595
				28,780
		***		26,741
250,788				638,264
		37,605		37,605
250,788	\$	37,605		1,269,985
	\$		\$	3,078
				8,816
				26,741
				1,455
				37,605
		37,605		77,695
250 700				
250,788				250,788
				622,894
				112,137
				206,471
250,788				1,192,290
250,788	\$	37,605	\$	1,269,985
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VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

DEVENIES	(General	Special Revenue		Total (Memorandum Only		
REVENUES Taxes	Φ.	100 000	•		_		
	\$	100,903	\$	11,719	\$	112,622	
Licenses and permits		953				953	
Intergovernmental revenues		69,447		49,232		118,679	
Charges for services		673				673	
Interest		60		14		74	
Miscellaneous		49,823		282	<u></u>	50,105	
TOTAL REVENUES		221,859		61,247		283,106	
EXPENDITURES							
General government		75,732				75,732	
Public safety		50,908				50,908	
Public works		81,877		50,384		132,261	
Recreation and culture		15,910				15,910	
Capital outlay		5,950				5,950	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		230,377		50,384		280,761	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES							
OVER EXPENDITURES		(8,518)		10,863		2,345	
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF							
YEAR		193,465		10,661		204,126	
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$	184,947	\$	21,524	\$	206,471	

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

	General Fund					······································
	Budget		Actual		Variance Fav (Unfav)	
REVENUES Taxes	\$	101 700	æ	100.002	Φ	(00.004)
- 371-52	Э	121,729	\$	100,903	\$	(20,826)
Licenses and permits		2,000		953		(1,047)
Intergovernmental revenues		68,619		69,447		828
Charges for services Interest				673		673
Miscellaneous		0.157		60		60
2.4.2.2.2.3.3.3.2.2.3.2.2		2,157		49,823		47,666
TOTAL REVENUES		194,505		221,859		27,354
EXPENDITURES						
General government		66,526		75,732		(9,206)
Public safety		51,800		50,908		892
Public works		83,872		81,877		1,995
Recreation and culture		15,300		15,910		(610)
Capital outlay		6,000		5,950		50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		223,498		230,377		(6,879)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER						
EXPENDITURES	\$	(28,993)		(8,518)	\$	20,475
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR				193,465		
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR			\$	184,947		

Special	Revenue	Funds
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<u>F</u>	Budget		Budget		Budget		Budget		Budget		Actual	Variance Fav (Unfav)	
\$	6,054	\$	11,719	\$	5,665								
	14,115		49,232		35,117								
			14		 14								
	20,169		61,247		282 41,078								
					·								
	30,800		50,384		(19,584)								
 	30,800		50,384		(19,584)								
\$	(10,631)		10,863	\$	21,494								
			10,661										
		\$	21,524										

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS – PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

	E :	nterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	\$	28,825
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Depreciation		21,980
Wages and benefits		21,231
Repairs and maintenance		4,289
Miscellaneous		4,137
Equipment rental		2,513
Utilities		1,977
Supplies		1,089
Professional fees		508
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		57,724
OPERATING LOSS		(28,899)
NON-OPERATING INCOME		
Interest income		4,875
Miscellaneous income		4,039
TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME		8,914
NET LOSS		(19,985)
Add depreciation on contributed assets acquired with capital		
grants		19,624
DECREASE IN RETAINED EARNINGS		(361)
RETAINED EARNINGS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		112,498
RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR	\$	112,137

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

	E	nterprise Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-	
Operating loss	\$	(28,899)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation		21,980
Decrease (increase) in:		21,000
Accounts receivable		5,382
Due from other funds		(1,819)
Increase in:		(1,017)
Customer deposits		1,455
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(1,901)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment		(2,974)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and other non-operating income		8,914
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		4,039
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		320,973
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$	325,012

NOTE A – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan (the Village) are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Village.

Reporting Entity

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present the Village or primary government. In evaluating how to define the Village for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units based on applying the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. The Village has determined that no other outside agency meets the above criteria and, therefore, no other agency has been included as a blended or discretely-presented component unit.

Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Village are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with the finance related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained, consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Accounting groups are a reporting device to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental funds not recorded directly in those funds. The financial activities of the Village are recorded in separate funds and account groups, categorized as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund: This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those provided for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes, state and federal aid, and charges for services. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the Village.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds are used to account for specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts for major capital projects) generally derived from state and federal grants, General Fund appropriations, and charges for services which are to be expended for specific purposes as dictated by legal, regulatory, or administrative requirements.

NOTE A – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Fund: This fund accounts for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Account Groups

General Fixed Asset: This account group presents the fixed assets of the Village utilized in its operations, other than those fixed assets recorded in the proprietary fund.

General Long-Term Debt: This account group presents the balance of general obligation long-term debt that is not recorded in the proprietary fund.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures (expenses) are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The governmental fund types use a financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, (i.e., both measurable and available). Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Current expenditures are generally recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and accrued vacation and sick leave, which is recorded when payable from current available financial resources.

The proprietary fund is accounted for on a cost-of-service measurement focus, using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Village applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements, unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, demand deposits and short-term investments with maturity of three months or less when acquired are considered to be cash equivalents.

NOTE A – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Taxes Receivable

The Village's tax is levied on each July 1st on the taxable valuation of property (as defined by state statutes) located in the Village as of the preceding December 31st. Uncollected taxes are purchased by the County within 120 days following the close of the fiscal year of the tax levy. Uncollectible accounts are charged back to the Village by the County.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets of all funds are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated.

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds and are not depreciated. Public domain "infrastructure" general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements, other than buildings (including roads, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems), are not capitalized. Proprietary funds fixed assets are recorded in the respective fund and depreciated using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Treatment facility 50 years
Sewer system 50 years
Machinery and equipment 5-10 years

The depreciation on the portion of assets funded through grants has been charged against the appropriate contributed capital account.

Short-Term Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

Fund Equity

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds for capital grants or contributions from customers or other funds. Reserves of fund equity represent portions of fund equity appropriated for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

Total Column on Combined Statements - Overview

The total column on the combined statements is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE A – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements; and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimated.

NOTE B - Legal Compliance

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Village follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. At the December Village Council meeting, the Village President submits to the Village Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following March 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to March 1st, the budget is legally adopted by the Village Council.
- 4. The Village President is authorized to transfer up to \$1,000 of budgeted amounts between activities within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Village Council.
- 5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, and Water and Sewer Fund.
- 6. Budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Village Council.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds

The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, as amended, provides that a local governmental unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. The Village's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the funds budgeted have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budgets of the Village for these budgeted funds were adopted on the line item level.

NOTE C – Cash and Investments

The captions on the combined balance sheet relating to cash and the amounts in the total column (memorandum only) are as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	 538,595
A summary of the deposits by type are:	
Cash in demand accounts	\$ 199,611
Cash in savings accounts	338,984
	\$ 538,595

Michigan Compiled Law authorizes the Village to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchased; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Village Council has designated one bank for deposit of the Village's funds. The investment policy adopted by the Village Council has authorized investments in bonds and securities of the United States government, bank accounts, and certificates of deposit, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

Cash deposits and investments are classified according to credit risk to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village at February 29, 2004. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1: Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Village or by its agent in the Village's name.

Category 2: Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Village's name.

Category 3: Uncollaterized or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its trust department or agent but not in the Village's name.

NOTE C - Cash and Investments (Continued)

At February 29, 2004, the Village's bank balance in cash deposits including checking and savings accounts included:

	Bank	Balance - Risk	Category		
	1	2	3	Total Bank Balance	Carrying Amount
Cash	\$ 100,000	\$	\$ 440,667	\$ 540,667	\$ 538,595

NOTE D – General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets are as follows:

	March 1, 2003				February 29, 2004	
Land	\$	24,000	\$ 	\$ 	\$	24,000
Buildings		137,494				137,494
Machinery and equipment Office equipment		94,616		(16,650)		77,966
and furniture		11,328				11,328
Total	\$	267,438	\$ 	\$ (16,650)	\$	250,788

A summary of proprietary fund type fixed assets at February 29, 2004 is as follows:

Land	\$	22,640
Treatment facility	,	377,400
Sewer system		411,641
Machinery and equipment		57,168
		868,849
Less accumulated depreciation		(481,373)
Net fixed assets	\$	387,476

NOTE E - Interfund Receivables and Payables

The composition of interfund balances as of February 29, 2004, is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amour	ıt
Sewer Fund	General Fund	\$ 17,	423
Local Street Fund	General Fund	6,	355
Major Street Fund	General Fund	2,	963
		\$ 26,	741

NOTE F - Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt represents a drainage assessment payable to Van Buren County for construction and maintenance of the Houghton Drain. The original amount is payable in eight annual installments of \$12,535. The Village is not required to pay interest on the assessment.

Future maturities for years ended February 29 are as follows:

2005	\$ 12,535
2006	12,535
2007	12,535
	\$ 37,605

NOTE G – Risk Management

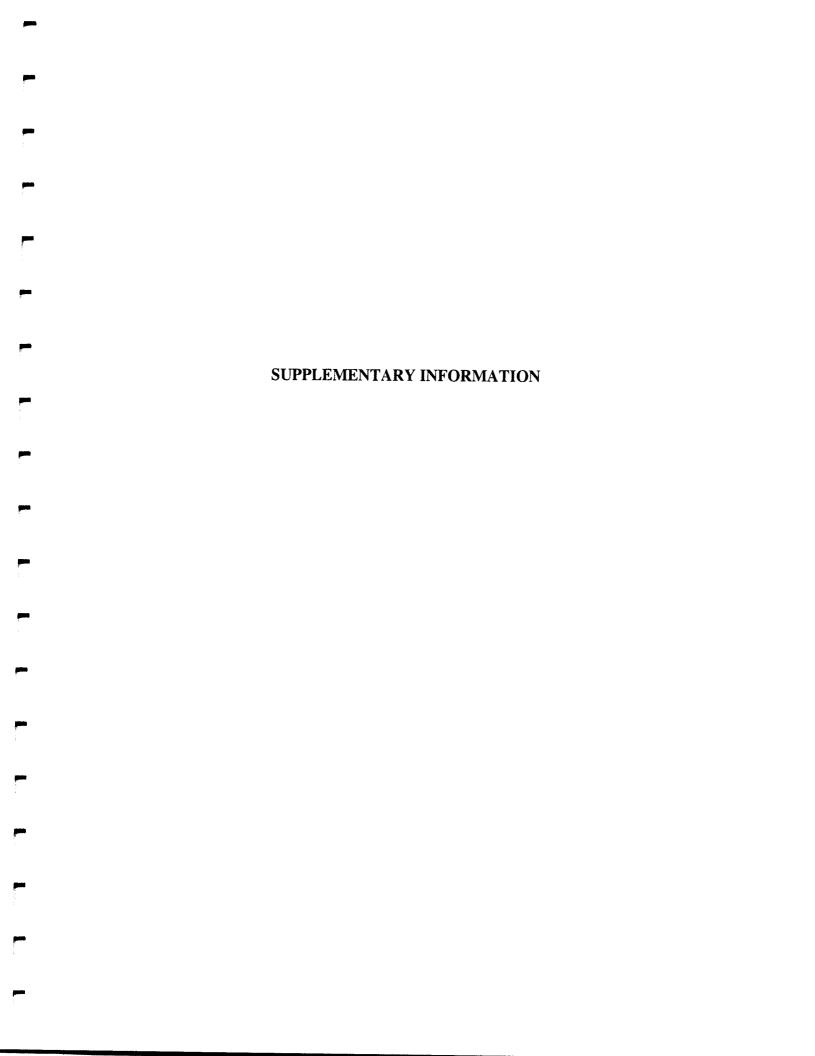
The Village is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, property and casualty, workers' compensation, and employee health and medical claims.

The risks of loss arising from general liability up to \$2 million, building contents, workers' compensation, and casualty are managed through purchased commercial insurance.

NOTE H – Contributed Capital

A schedule of changes in contributed capital of the proprietary fund type for the year ended February 29, 2004, follows:

Balance at beginning of year	\$ 642,518
Less grant funded depreciation	 (19,624)
Balance at end of year	\$ 622,894



VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN SCHEDULE OF REVENUES – GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

	Amended Budget	Actual		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Property taxes	\$ 120,229	\$ 98,317		
Penalties and interest	1,500	2,586		
	121,729	100,903		
Licenses and permits	2,000	953		
Intergovernmental revenues				
State shared revenues	67,919	68,850		
Liquor license fees	700	597		
	68,619	69,447		
Charges for services	,	,		
Ordinance fines		673		
Interest		60		
Miscellaneous				
Equipment rental	*****	10,186		
Miscellaneous	2,157	39,637		
	2,157	49,823		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 194,505	\$ 221,859		

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

	Amen Budg		Actual		
EXPENDITURES					
General government	•		_		
Village council President		4,620	\$	3,889	
Other executive activities		2,260		2,100	
Elections		1,200		1,178	
Clerk	1.0	240		211	
Treasurer		2,075		11,983	
Other general government		7,431		7,288	
Village hall and grounds),800		36,302	
v mage han and grounds		7,900		12,781	
	66	5,526		75,732	
Public safety					
Police	5.1	,700		50 000	
Fire protection	JI	100		50,808 100	
the protection	51	$\frac{100}{,800}$		50,908	
	JI	,800		30,908	
Public works					
Department of public works	55	,077		56,368	
Sidewalks		,500		6,350	
Drains		,025		13,294	
Street lights		,270		5,865	
		,872		81,877	
		,		02,07.	
Recreation and culture					
Parks and recreation	10	,500		11,173	
Museum	4	,800		4,737	
	15	,300		15,910	
Capital outlay	6	,000_		5,950	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 223.	<u>,498</u>	\$ 2	230,377	

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS February 29, 2004

ACCETTO	Major Street	 Local Street	 Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 	\$ 9,020	\$ 9,020
Accounts receivable	4,347	1,901	6,248
Due from other funds	 2,963	 6,355	 9,318
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,310	\$ 17,276	\$ 24,586
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,033	\$ 	\$ 1,033
Other current liabilities	2,029		2,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,062	 	 3,062
FUND EQUITY			
Unreserved			
Undesignated	4,248	17,276	21,524
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,248	 17,276	21,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND			
EQUITY	\$ 7,310	\$ 17,276	\$ 24,586

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

For the Year Ended February 29, 2004

	Major Street		Local Street		Total	
REVENUES					····	
Property taxes	\$	6,065	\$	5,654	\$	11,719
Intergovernmental revenues						•
Act 51		37,929		11,303		49,232
Interest		8		6		14
Miscellaneous		100		182		282
TOTAL REVENUES		44,102		17,145	-	61,247
EXPENDITURES						
Routine street maintenance		12,388		34,449		46,837
Winter maintenance		336		323		659
Administration		1,216		311		1,527
Traffic services maintenance		1,361				1,361
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		15,301		35,083		50,384
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF						
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		28,801		(17,938)		10,863
Fund equity (deficit) at beginning of year		(24,553)		35,214		10,661
FUND EQUITY AT END OF YEAR	\$	4,248	\$	17,276	\$	21,524

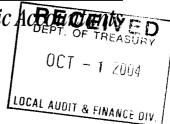


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July 13, 2004

To the Village Council Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan



In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan (the Village) as of and for the year ended February 29, 2004, we considered the Village's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of one particular matter that will have a significant impact on the accounting function of the Village. This matter is described in the following paragraphs.

GASB Statement No. 34

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) approved Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. GASB No. 34 establishes new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States. Major components of GASB No. 34 include:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) will precede the basic financial statements and provide an analysis of the Village's overall financial position and results of operations, including (1) a comparison of the current year to the prior year based on government-wide financial information about assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, (2) an explanation of significant variations in actual vs. budgeted results of operations on a fund by fund basis, (3) a description of the activity in capital asset and long-term debt accounts during the current year, and (4) a conclusion summarizing currently known facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to significantly effect the Village's future financial position and results of operations.
- Government-wide financial statements will be included with the Village's annual report using full accrual accounting for all of the Village's activities. Such information will be presented on a functional basis in an effort to show the extent to which various programs either contribute to or draw from the general revenues of the Village. The Village will report all capital assets, including depreciation expense the cost of "using up" capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements.
- Fund-based financial statements will be presented for the Village's major funds defined as any fund whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets, or liabilities are at least 10% of the total for their fund category or type (i.e., governmental or enterprise) and at least 5% of the aggregate amount for all governmental and enterprise funds using the current

modified accrual basis of accounting. This presentation will be similar to the Village's current financial statements, excluding budgetary information.

 Required supplementary information will be expanded to include a budgetary comparison schedule detailing the Village's original and final budget, and its actual results of operations.

The Village will be required to comply with this new reporting standard during the year ended February 28, 2005. The Village's management must begin planning for the new requirements now. We are very familiar with the new standard and will be pleased to offer our assistance to ensure the Village is in compliance with the new standard within the designated time frame.

We will review the status of this comment during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed this comment with various administrative and management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss it in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of this matter, or to assist you in implementing the recommendation.

Sincerely,

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July 13, 2004

To the Village Council Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan (the Village) for the year ended February 29, 2004, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control. However, we noted certain matters involving internal control and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Village's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily disclose all matters that might be reportable conditions. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls.

The Village does not have enough accounting personnel to provide for adequate segregation of duties. However, review procedures established by the Village Council are adequate to provide acceptable internal control over the Village's assets.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the audit tests applied in our audit of the 2004 financial statements, and this report does not affect our report on those financial statements dated July 13, 2004. We have not considered internal control since the date of our report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Village Council, management, and others within the Village and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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July 13, 2004

To the Village Council Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan DEPT. OF TREASURY

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LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV.

We have audited the financial statements of Village of Bloomingdale, Michigan (the Village) as of and for the year ended February 29, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated July 13, 2004. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America

As stated in our engagement letter dated January 1, 2004, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Village. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Village are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transaction for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Our audit procedures included inquiries about, and a review of, significant management judgments and accounting estimates.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Village's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). In our judgment, we proposed numerous audit adjustments recorded by the Village, that either individually or in the aggregate, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Village's financial reporting process. The majority of such adjustments related to balancing interfund receivables and payables and the allocation of shared expenses. All proposed audit adjustments were recorded by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

<u>Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors</u>

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principals and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of management and the Village Council and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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